

Basic Truth Concerning the Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit

(John 16:7-11)

Proposition: It is imperative that every child of God be familiar with the basic truth concerning the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in their life.

I. The Scriptural Accuracy about the Holy Spirit

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One author wrote "The Holy Ghost from the day of Pentecost has occupied an entirely new position. The whole administration of the affairs of the Church since that day has developed upon Him... That day was the installation of the Holy Spirit as the Administrator of the Church in all things which office He is to exercise according to circumstances at His discretion. Till the second coming of the Lord, we live in the Pentecostal age and under the rule of the Holy Spirit.

But just as true as that statement is this statement by Chuck Swindoll is equally true: "Even though every believer has the Holy Spirit, it is possible to operate our lives apart from his control." If he is the Administrator of the Church, then that fact should be reflected in our lives. But for that to be so we must familiarize ourselves with this Administrator. It is important that every child of God

I. The Scriptural Accuracy about the Holy Spirit

We do not base our beliefs about the H.S. on legends, experience, or theory. All doctrine or teaching must be based on the

Still the word of God. Accuracy is another

A. Accuracy Concerning His Personality -

Make sure you understand this now. The Holy Spirit is not a force, an impression, an inspiration. He is a person. Just like you and I. A personality is characterized by 3 things: intellect, will, + emotions. Rom 8:27 tells us of the intellect, "mind of the Spirit". 1 Cor 11:11 the will: He gives gifts as he will. In Rom 15:30

B. Accuracy Concerning His Identity -

He is not only a person but a distinct person. Our names distinguish us from others. The names given the H.S. invite us to understand his character. O.T. (Gen 1:2) "Spirit of Elohim" Judges "Spirit of the Lord" or "... of Jehovah" Ps 15:14 Holy Spirit Ps 51:12 (free spirit) Ps 143:10 good Spirit. N.T. Spirit of Truth (Jn 14:17) Spirit of holiness (Rom 1:4)

C. Accuracy Concerning His Divinity -

He is a person, but his personhood does not reside on the plane with our own. He is a divine person. Although whole in his being, he is one w/ the father and one w/ the Son. "Let us make man", "Let us go down" Matt 28:19 2 Cor. 13:14 Eph 2:18 The Holy Spirit is God. And 1 w/ God

II. The Supernatural Ability of the Holy Spirit

The abilities exercised by the Holy Spirit attest to the fact that he is divine. That He is God.

1) ...imperative that every child of God be familiar with the basic truth concerning the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit in their life.

2) ...Romans 15:30 we are told that the Spirit "loves" and in Eph. 4:30 that he is grieved as well. 11 times in John 16 Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as a He. A person.

3) ...(Rom1:4), Spirit of life (Rom. 8:2), Spirit of adoption (Rom. 8:15), Spirit of Promise (Eph 1:13), Spirit of grace (Heb10:29), Spirit of glory (1 Peter 4:4), Spirit of Prophecy (Rev19:10)

4) Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. Ephesians 2:18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. 1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

- 1) 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Psalms 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? Zechariah 4:6 ...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Romans 1:4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
- 2) Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Romans 1:4
- 3) 2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 1 Peter 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

"He is completely God in His being and in His behavior"

A. He is Supernatural in His Attributes

Just as there are traits that constitute a personality, there are traits that constitute a deity. Omniscience (1 Cor 10-11) omnipresence (Psa 139:17) Omnipotent (Zech 4:6) Eternality (Heb 9:14), holiness (Rom 1:4)

All the attributes that accompany Deity, are found in regard to Holy Spirit

B. He is Supernatural in His Activity-

His supernatural activity can be found in his creative word in Genesis 1:1-2

His activity can be found all through the ministry of the Lord Jesus. In his conception

(Luke 1:35, life & ministry (Luke 4:1, 14) ②

Death (Heb 9:14) & Resurrection (Rom 1:4)

And from our text in John 16 Concerning Sinners

C. He is Supernatural in His Authorship

The very Bible you hold in your hand was of the supernatural production of the Holy Spirit of God. From cover to cover the Bible is a Divinely Authored Book

2 Peter 1:21 2 Tim 3:16 1 Peter 1:12 ③

The Holy Spirit did not violate their pers.

Integrity, But breathed thru them his message

III. The Sovereign Authority of the Holy Spirit

We often call a very independent person a "free spirit" Well the Holy Spirit is truly a free spirit. He is under the

control of no one, no where, or no when 1570.13

A. The Authority of His Doing - The Doings of the Holy Spirit are complete of His own. Jesus attested to this when He said in John 3:8 The wind cannot be harnessed like an ox or subdued like a horse or controlled like a car. he has a mind of his own, and does his own will. I laugh at those folk who try

B. The Authority of His Directing - The Book of Acts strongly shows the Sovereign directing of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 10:19; 11:12 directed Peter to Gentiles. Acts 13:12 He set aside Barnabas and Saul. In Acts 16:6, 10 the Spirit forbidding and then giving assurance. Like the pillar of fire by night & cloud by day, He is leading Christ

C. The Authority of His Dispensing - In the area of the Dispensing of spiritual gifts we see his sovereign freedom. ⁽¹⁴⁾ 1 Cor 12:11 These spiritual gifts given to each and every child of God for the edification of the church, are given from the wisdom and for the sovereign pleasure of the Holy Spirit of God.

IV. Close I heard Dr Jack Hyles teach on tape about the reception of the Holy Spirit. He described it as though he were welcoming a friend into his heart.

- 1) saiah 40:13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?
- 2) John 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- 3) ...to command the Holy Spirit to do this or that. They are just grasping at the wind.
- 4) 1 Corinthians 12:11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
- 5) I hope through these studies that we will do just that. Welcome Him in, become familiar with Him as we would any friend.